

**INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule waives points of order against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting designated emergencies in reported appropriation bills). The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**SCHOOL READINESS ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Heard testimony from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Castle, Murphy, George Miller of California, Woolsey, Hinojosa, Tierney, Kind, Grijalva, Majette, Van Hollen, Frank of Massachusetts, Edwards, Waters, Scott of Virginia, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Schiff, but action was deferred on H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003.

**NOAA SATELLITES**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on NOAA Satellites: Will Weather Forecasting Be Put at Risk? Testimony was heard from Gregory Withee, Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Peter Teets, Under Secretary, Air Force and Executive Agent for Space, Department of Defense; David Powner, Acting Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**CONTRACT BUNDLING AND SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Contract Bundling and Small Business Procurement. Testimony was heard from Jo Baylor, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Ralph C. Thomas III, Assistant Administrator, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, NASA; Sean M. Moss, Director, Office of Small

and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Transportation; Theresa A. Speake, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Energy; Linda Oliver, Deputy Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

**TRANSFER PHYSICAL AND ELECTRONIC RECORDS TO THE HOUSE REGARDING USE OF FEDERAL AGENCY RECORDS—INVOLVING TEXAS LEGISLATURE MEMBERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered unfavorably reported H. Res. 288, directing the Secretary of Transportation to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution all physical and electronic records and documents in his possession related to any use of Federal agency resources in any task or action involving or relating to Members of the Texas Legislature in the period beginning May 11, 2003, and ending May 16, 2003, except information the disclosure of which would harm the national security interests of the United States.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on this resolution. Testimony was heard from Representative Green of Texas; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

**RESEARCH COMPLIANCE OFFICE**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1585, to establish an office to oversee research compliance and assurance within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

**INDUSTRY SPEAKS ON CYBERSECURITY**

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development held a hearing entitled "Industry Speaks on Cybersecurity." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D773)

H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J.

Healy Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-46)

H.R. 917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-47)

H.R. 925, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1859 South Ashland Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Cesar Chavez Post Office". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-48)

H.R. 981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-49)

H.R. 985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 West Washington Street in Bowling Green, Ohio, as the "Delbert L. Latta Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-50)

H.R. 1055, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-51)

H.R. 1368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-52)

H.R. 1465, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the "General Charles Gabriel Post Office". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-53)

H.R. 1596, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2318 Woodson Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Timothy Michael Gaffney Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-54)

H.R. 1609, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Boston Street in Brookfield, Missouri, as the "Admiral Donald Davis Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-55)

H.R. 1740, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1502 East Kiest Boulevard in Dallas, Texas, as the "Dr. Caesar A.W. Clark, Sr. Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-56)

H.R. 2030, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Baldwin Avenue in Paia, Maui, Hawaii, as the "Patsy Takemoto Mink

Post Office Building". Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-57)

H.R. 2474, to authorize the Congressional Hunger Center to award Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowships for fiscal years 2003 and 2004. Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-58)

S. 858, to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Signed on July 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-59)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for energy and water development programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas W. O'Connell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and Paul Morgan Longworth, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries and Coast Guard,* to hold hearings to examine the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the recent General Accounting Office report entitled: "An Overall Strategy and Indicators for Measuring Progress Are Needed to Better Achieve Restoration Goals", focusing on the ramifications of an uncoordinated Great Lakes restoration strategy, current management of various environmental programs, and possible next steps to improve the management of Great Lakes programs, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by joint hearings with the House Committee on Resources to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SD-106.